

DeCarolis Donna L  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DeCarolis Donna L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO [NFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6363 MAIN ST.  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/27/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President, Horizon Power

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	04/15/2010		J	V	105 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 53.4859	16,804	D	
Common Stock	07/15/2010		J	V	121 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 47.7662	16,925	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2010		G	V	34	D	\$ 0	16,891	D	
Common Stock	09/27/2010		M		25,000	A	\$ 27.7975	41,891	D	
Common Stock	09/27/2010		S		18,600	D	\$ 51.5941	23,291	D	

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Common Stock	09/28/2010	J	V	329 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0	12,994	I	401k Trust
Common Stock	09/28/2010	J	V	3 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$ 0	191	I	ESOP Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 27.7975	09/27/2010		M	25,000	12/07/2001 12/08/2010	Common Stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DeCarolis Donna L 6363 MAIN ST. WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221			President, Horizon Power	

## Signatures

Paula M. Ciprich, Attorney  
in Fact 09/29/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Shares acquired through a DRIP and is exempt from Section 16 and the reporting requirements under Rule 16a-11. The Reporting

- (1) Person's Form 4 filed March 15, 2010 accurately reported the acquisition of 45 shares through a DRIP, but inadvertently reported the amount of securities beneficially owned following that transaction as 16,669 shares, rather than 16,699 shares.
- (2) Routine acquisition under the NFG 401(k) Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.
- (3) Routine acquisition under the NFG ESOP Plan Trust, exempt under Rule 16b-3(c), a non-reportable transaction.

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